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Connecticut State Medical Society Testimony
Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Senate Bill 10 An Act Concerning Deductibles for Breast Ultrasound Screenings
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Senator Crisco, Representative Megna and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, on behalf of the physicians and physicians in training of the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony to you today in support of Senate Bill 10 An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage of a Second Mammogram.

In recent sessions the legislature has determined it necessary to require notification is sent directly to patients who upon receiving a mammogram are determined to have dense breast tissue. Dense breast tissue can hide small abnormalities that can be precursors to breast cancer.

Legislation passed in recent years also appropriate required additional benefits for comprehensive ultrasound screening when an original mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue raising concern for those who receive such results. Subsequently, legislation was passed to require coverage for an additional mammogram in a policy year. The legislation before you now provides a protection for concerned women who seek follow up care due to the mandated requirement of notification of dense breast tissue. Costs associated with seeking care can often serve as a deterrent. This legislation prohibits the imposition of a deductible for a comprehensive ultrasound when an original mammogram identifies heterogeneous or dense breast tissue. We ask for your support of Senate Bill 10.

Thank you for your support of this critical legislation.